

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sergei Bernhardowitch ORLOV, @ FROELICH

1. Subject was employed by this Agency as a sub-agent from July 1946 to July 1950. He was dropped without prejudice, although in the opinion of one Washington intelligence officer, he is a "professional intelligence promoter whose interests are primarily financial".

2. Subject was born on 8 February 1904 in Riga of parents of German extraction. Prior to 1920, he lived with his family in Moscow, when they moved to Latvia and became Latvian citizens. He graduated from the Technical Institute of Riga, and later was in charge of a business firm. In June 1940, he became a member of the Latvian anti-Soviet underground. In 1941, Subject and his family fled to Germany where they were declared "Volks-deutsche". In 1942, he joined the SA, because he felt that it was more sympathetically inclined towards the Russian nationalist movement, and was appointed a German liaison officer to General VLASSOV with the rank of SA-Hastuf. With the awakening of interest in the VLASSOV movement on the part of Hitler and the SS, Subject joined the Waffen-SS in 1944. In the winter of 1944-45 he joined the staff of General ASCHENBRENNER, the Wehrmacht's liaison officer to VLASSOV, and in April 1945 took part in a project of ASCHENBRENNER's to effect the surrender of the VLASSOV force to the Third Army. Subject was taken prisoner while visiting General TRUBIN of the ROA. In 1945, he lived in Ravensburg as a DP. In 1946 he was employed by a construction firm in Munich, "Demeter Neumann". He also worked for the Linder firm in Munich. His wife and daughter (info 1949) live in Lindau.

3. While working for us, Subject was concurrently employed as a MIS interrogator in Nymphenburg. Another report, unvaluated, states that Subject was or had been working for CIC in November 1950. Since no further details are available, this may refer to his employment with MIS.

4. According to Nikolaus BARANOWSKY, who is frequently characterized as a noted intelligence peddler and fabricator, Sergius (or Boris) FROELICH (ORLOFF) has been personally known to BARANOWSKY since the winter of 1947, and Subject started to work for BARANOWSKY at the beginning of 1948. Subject was head of a CI group directed by BARANOWSKY, however BARANOWSKI was not satisfied with his work, and the connection was broken off in November 1948. BARANOWSKY claims that he last met Subject personally in late 1948. Later, Subject started to work for BARANOWSKY once again, this time under different (unknown) conditions, through Viktor LARIONOV, one of BARANOWSKY's close intelligence associates. BARANOWSKY reports that Subject was dropped for a final time in November 1950.

5. On 2 January 1950, Subject was reported to have been dropped by an intelligence organization in Germany working under American supervision. Subject was dropped because this intelligence unit was being reorganized. BARANOWSKY also, until quite recently, was a semi-autonomous operator under the German organization and consequently the presumption is that Subject,

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after being dropped in January 1950, remained in indirect contact with the organization through BARANOWSKI, until he was reportedly released by BARANOWSKI in November 1950.

6. Subject and Konstantin KRONIADI were reported by BARANOWSKI to be the leading personalities of the Malgunow group and to have supplied BARANOWSKI with information on the activities of this group. Subject is a Republican, and has a wife, daughter and son. He resides at Jensenstrasse 2, Munich in January 1951 and was described as being 1.79m tall, with gray hair and blue eyes. His right foot is lame.

7. It appears that apparently Subject worked for four different intelligence groups concurrently, i.e. this Agency, an intelligence organization in Germany under American supervision, BARANOWSKI, and MIS.